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POLYURETHANE AND HYDROXYL FUNCTIONAL

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Preliminary Amendment Accompanying a Request for Continued Examination (RCE)

Sir:

In response to the Final Rejection mailed <u>April 8, 2008</u>, Applicants have filed a Request for Continued Examination (RCE). With a three month extension of the time for reply, response is timely on or before <u>October 8, 2008</u>.

On the basis of the Request for Continued Examination (RCE) Applicants request the finality of the rejection be withdrawn and that the following amendments be entered and remarks considered.

Amendments begin on page 2 of this paper.

Remarks begin on page 6 of this paper.